

John Caffery to Andrew Jackson, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

JOHN CAFFERY TO JACKSON.

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Dear Sir: I thought to have had the Pleasure of Seeing you at the muster this day held at S. Lick, but am hindred by a Old Acquaintance from Kentuckey you I hope will Try to Engage the People in that Quarter to Turn against Lewis,s Elextion, he has ben very busey amounghst them, and is asserting Every falshood to Carry him, and to your Prujuedice, as well as Every dam,d low skeme he Can device.

I am D. Sir, with Regard, your Obt. Hume. Sevt.

P. S. I have Reed. a very Politic answer from Doctr. Willimson,¹ (and the Philocificle Society) in which he Renders you Compliments.

¹ Probably Dr. Hugh Williamson, a native of Pennsylvania, resident and prominent official in North Carolina during the Revolution, and a representative of that state in Congress in 1790–1793. He was a prominent member of the American Philosophical Society, of Philadelphia, and removed from North Carolina to New York in 1793. It was the conduct of Lewis in this election that led to Jackson's quarrel with John Sevier, governor of Tennessee 1796–1801 and 1803–1809. It is possible that Williamson had met Jackson in Philadelphia the preceding winter, for the former spent much of his time in that city. The reference to the “Philocificle Society” is not explained.